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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 November 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 12, 15, 16, 26, 31 and 32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 12 and 26 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15, 16, 31 and 32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

(1)

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

(2)

Claims 15, 16, 31 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for the adhesive tape including a plurality of segments of first adhesive layer and backing sheet, does not reasonably provide enablement for an adhesive tape having first adhesive layer, backing sheet, second adhesive layer and carrier sheet also including a segmented adhesive film. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

According to the specification, an adhesive tape of adhesive film (first adhesive layer), backing sheet removably adhered to the first adhesive layer, second adhesive layer removably adhered to the backing sheet and carrier sheet adhered to the second adhesive layer has segments of adhesive layer and backing sheet. There is no disclosure of an additional segmented adhesive film. It is suggested that Claim 32 read “said adhesive tape includes a plurality of segments of said first adhesive layer and said backing sheet.”

(3)

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for complete cuts to define the segments in a tape having a first adhesive layer, backing sheet, second adhesive layer and carrier sheet does not reasonably provide enablement for a film or layer being perforated to define the segments. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

According to the specification [0024], the cuts are complete and not perforations through the adhesive film (first adhesive layer). There is no disclosure of the cuts being perforated. Perforations are only disclosed for the embodiment of Fig. 3 where the tape is a double-sided adhesive tape. It is suggested that Claim 15 be cancelled since the claim is not enabled.

(4)

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for complete cuts through the adhesive film (first adhesive layer) and backing sheet, does not reasonably provide enablement for complete cuts only through the adhesive film. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

According to the specification, an adhesive tape of adhesive film (first adhesive layer), backing sheet removably adhered to the first adhesive layer, second adhesive layer removably adhered to the backing sheet and carrier sheet adhered to the second adhesive layer has segments of adhesive layer and backing sheet formed by complete cuts through the first adhesive layer and

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backing sheet. It is suggested that Claim 16 can read "said adhesive tape includes complete cuts through said first adhesive layer and said backing sheet to define said segments, said segments being carried on said carrier sheet via said second adhesive layer."

Allowable Subject Matter

(5)

Claims 12 and 26 are allowed.

Conclusion

(6)

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

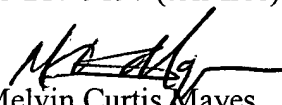
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melvin Curtis Mayes whose telephone number is 571-272-1234. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Fiorilla can be reached on 571-272-1187. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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